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THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW SITE OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has under President Low become a university in name, in externals and in fact, and henceforth takes rank with the great universities of the world.

The new site of the University was dedicated on May the second with ceremonies worthy of its stately buildings in course of erection and of its commanding position above the City of New York. The site of the University, occupying somewhat more than seventeen acres and purchased by the trustees at a cost of \$2,000,000, is on the summit of Morningside Heights, between Morningside Park on the one hand and Riverside Park on the other. On the same Heights and adjacent to the University will be the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Luke's Hospital, Grant's Mausoleum and, affiliated with the University, Barnard College and the Teachers' College.

As is shown in the accompanying figures, the Library Building, erected as a memorial of Abiel Abbot Low, by his son, President Low, occupies the central and most elevated position. The basement of Milford granite and the first story of Indiana limestone, already erected, indicate the plan and architectural character of the building. It is classic in style, in the form of a Greek cross, surmounted by a dome. Its width is 192 feet and the height of the dome will be 135 feet.